

2011, he got the Northeast Corridor designated as a federally-recognized high-speed rail corridor, which allowed Amtrak to receive \$450 million in federal funding for high-speed rail upgrades, and the Secaucus Junction train station in fact, is named after him.

He fought New Jersey Governor Chris Christie over the ARC tunnel, a rail improvement Lautenberg saw as essential for allowing the continued flow of commuters between New Jersey and New York under the Hudson River. The Gateway tunnel project, a substitute for ARC, is under development and just received a promise of \$185 million in federal funds. Lautenberg's dream of an intermodal freight policy is also on its way toward being realized, thanks to increased federal attention on creating a national freight strategic plan. Complete streets policies, which he consistently supported, are in place in nearly 500 communities around the country, and his zeal to create a National Infrastructure Bank as a way to invite more private investors to partner with the government on infrastructure is still struggling for wide acceptance.

I join in expressing my prayers and condolences to his wife, Bonnie, and to his children, his grandchildren, his entire family, and to the people of New Jersey.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote number 203, amendment number H. AMDT. 121, I mistakenly voted "aye." I intended to vote "no." Later in the same vote series, I voted "no" on a similar amendment, H. AMDT. 129, rollcall vote number 206.

#### CONGRATULATING LOVETT BASEBALL ON AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Lovett High School baseball team. On May 27, the Lions bested the Westminster Wildcats in a best of three championship series to win the AA division state championship.

Although the Wildcats won the first game of the series, the Lions mounted a comeback to win the second game in overtime and carried their momentum into the deciding third game to clench the school's first title since 2009.

This season, Coach Lance Oubs, his staff, and these young men have worked tirelessly to earn their place in Georgia baseball history. The team's seniors will enter the next chapter of their lives knowing that they have upheld their school's legacy of excellence and have set a high bar for future Lions teams.

I encourage the entire team to savor their victory and remember the season's important life lessons of responsibility, persistence, and self-discipline. These traits will serve them well throughout their lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I congratulate the Lovett Lions on their well-deserved 2013 2A State Championship title and wish them luck as they defend their title next year. This team has brought great pride to their school, the city of Atlanta, and Georgia's 11th District. Go Lions.

#### TRIBUTE TO KAREN PRICE

#### HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karen Price, a dear friend and President of the West Virginia Manufacturer's Association; she is retiring this year after 22 years of service. I have known and worked with Karen in the West Virginia Legislature and in Congress, and I have watched her tireless efforts for the manufacturers' of West Virginia with great admiration.

Karen is a very accomplished woman who has diligently and successfully pursued her career in a very male dominated arena, namely economic development and manufacturing. Such success can be attributed to her hard working nature, as well as her tenacious character. She worked her way through college, the first child of her family to do so, and she has not looked back since.

Karen's start in economic development was as a member of the West Virginia Economic Development Office, serving as its Legislative Director. Karen was responsible for recruiting new businesses to the state, including Bruce Hardwood, now known as Armstrong Products in Beverly, WV. She also worked to ensure that these businesses were able to hire capable women and men. Karen has always been committed to recruitment through a trained workforce, and she continues to emphasize the importance of an educated, skilled workforce today.

Karen's talents have been recognized by many through the leadership positions that she has held including, Member, Board of Trustees' Charleston Area Medical Center and the David Lee Cancer Center; Charleston YWCA; and Bridgemont Community and Technical College. Karen has served as Past President of the following organizations: American Society of Association Executives; Charleston Vandalia Rotary Club; and West Virginia Business and Industry Council. Karen and I share the distinction of being recognized as a "Woman of Achievement," by the YWCA of Charleston. The list is exhaustive, with each role further lending proof to the fact that Karen has lived an exemplary life.

I am grateful for the work that Karen has performed representing West Virginia's manufacturer's, the backbone of West Virginia's economy. Throughout her career she has worked with numerous governors, the West Virginia Legislature and regulatory agencies to address barriers to economic development. Those accomplishments include reform of the West Virginia Workers Compensation Program, and addressing taxation and environmental protection regulations to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, this high level of commitment to the State of West Virginia is one deserving of great honor and respect. Through this Extension of Remarks, I would like to thank

Karen for her service and for the tremendous, positive impact she has made on West Virginia and its economy. Karen exemplifies the qualities of Mountaineer integrity that we cherish at home, and I am honored to call her my friend. I wish her the best moving forward toward her much deserved retirement.

#### IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN DINGELL—THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF CONGRESS

#### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2013*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of a great friend to me and an outstanding mentor to many—JOHN DAVID DINGELL.

In 1955, JOHN DINGELL assumed office after winning a special election after the passing of his father. During the years of his service he established a legacy as a courageous and principled leader. This was best exemplified by a vote early in his career to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964. There were many who thought this vote would end his career. But JOHN DINGELL, despite the fact that the measure was then controversial and contentious, exemplified true leadership by voting to ensure equality for African-Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it is this integrity and strong commitment to fair leadership that has led to a career full of accomplishment for the Dean of the House, and it is why his constituents have made him the longest-serving member in the history of the United States House of Representatives.

Congressman DINGELL has worked passionately to protect our environment. Throughout his career, he has passed landmark legislation such as the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, and he did so by building broad bipartisan consensus.

As Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Congressman JOHN DINGELL dramatically changed the way we view our environment by fighting for legislation preventing animal extinction, limiting air and water pollution and increasing wildlife conservation. In Michigan, I can confidently say we have all seen the benefits of Representative DINGELL's work. He has been a consistent champion for our automotive industry—protecting thousands of jobs and ensuring that one of America's premier industries continues to grow. Our State cannot thank him enough for his tireless efforts.

Every day he has served in Congress JOHN DINGELL has fought hard to strengthen our health care system and make it accessible for everyone. From his very first day in Congress, JOHN DINGELL has fought to pass the National Health Insurance Act that was championed by his father. In 1965, JOHN DINGELL presided over the House as it passed legislation expanding health care to millions of Americans and in 2010; he achieved his goal of affordable, accessible health care for all Americans with passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Speaker, forever known as Mr. Chairman, I am honored to stand here today and call JOHN DINGELL my colleague. I look forward